scheme is fully worked out. All works, up to the point where the distribution system in the Town commences, such as, the Aruvikarai dam and head-works, the settling tank, the Gravitation (supply) Main from Aruvikarai to Trivandrum, the Filter Plant, the Service Reservoirs and the pumping plant, cost Rs. 31·10 lakhs. The Town Distribution system is estimated to cost Rs. 21·49 lakhs ultimately. Out of this, it is now proposed to carry out works to the extent of only Rs. 15·12 lakhs. The balance of the works costing Rs. 6·37 lakhs required for the outlying parts of the water supply Town, such as Koravankonam and the like which are at present comparatively thinly populated is proposed to be taken up a few years hence. It is reported that 3,000 out of the 3,600 cast iron pipes and specials for the gravitation line are expected to be supplied before the end of the current year. All the valves and Hatch pipes required for this line have been supplied. The construction of a new road for facilitating the transport of pipes, with the metalling and necessary masonry works, has been completed. The blasting out of the foundation trench for the Dam at Aruvikarai has made good progress. The acquisition and handing over of the lands required for the Project are expected to be completed soon. For the next year, a sum of Rs. 15 lakhs has been provided to take up the construction works simultaneously on all the constituent parts of the Project.

27. *The Trivandrum Electric Supply and Telephone Schemes.*—A provision of Rs. 2·28 lakhs is made in the next year's Budget, Rs. 1·65 lakhs for electric supply and Rs. ·63 of a lakh for telephone works. Sixteen miles out of the 26 miles, of the distribution under the electric supply scheme now sanctioned, have been erected and electric lighting of the streets, Government buildings and private houses covered by the 16 miles has been commenced. The remaining 10 miles are now under erection. It has been further proposed to extend the overhead main by 6 miles more and the above provision of Rs. 1·65 lakhs has been made for it in the Budget for 1105. Much progress has not been made so far in the installation work connected with the Telephone scheme and it is proposed to complete it only in 1105.

28. *Bridge across the Neendakara Bar.*—Out of Rs. 6 lakhs provided in the current year's Budget, nearly Rs. 1 lakh is expected to lapse. A provision of Rs. 2 lakhs is made in the next year's Budget and it is hoped that the construction of the bridge will be completed in 1105.

## FINANCIAL POSITION.

29. A statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the State as at the close of 1104 and 1105 is given on page 7 of the Budget Estimates. According to the final accounts of 1103 our booked assets stood at Rs. 339·80 lakhs and the liabilities at Rs. 176·20 lakhs. At the close of 1104, the assets are expected to amount to Rs. 354·88 lakhs and the liabilities to Rs. 193·50 lakhs. The Sinking Funds created for the

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liquidation of our capital liability on the Shencotta-Quilon Railway and for the discharge of our State Debenture loan are expected to stand at Rs. 52·15 lakhs and Rs. 6·68 lakhs respectively at the close of the current year and the whole of it is invested in Government of India Securities. Our Surplus Investments stood at Rs. 205·91 lakhs at the beginning of this year and they stand at Rs. 221·40 lakhs at the end of the current year. At the close of 1105, our assets are expected to amount to Rs. 352·19 lakhs and our liabilities to Rs. 212·68 lakhs leaving a closing balance of Rs. 139·51 lakhs to the credit of Government.

**PRESIDENT**: Under Rule 47 of the Legislative Council Rules, the debate on the Budget will begin with a general discussion and be followed by voting of Demands for Grants. Monday the 5th and Tuesday the 6th August 1929, will be devoted to the general discussion. The discussion on the demands and voting on them, will take place on Wednesday the 7th August, and be continued to the 14th August, the maximum period of 7 days being allowed therefor. The demands will be discussed in the order in which they have been printed in the statement, copies of which have already been furnished to you. Out of 7 days, 3 days will be devoted to Land Revenue, Education and Public Works Departments, each of these demands being given, not more than one day. The remaining demands will have to be dealt with before the close of the 7th day, and not more than half a day can be allotted to any one demand. At the end of the time allotted for the discussion of each demand, all pending motions in respect of it will automatically lapse, and at 5 O'clock on the evening of the seventh day, every question in connection with the disposal of all outstanding matters in connection with demands for grants will be put to the House under Rule 49 (3). When voting on demands for grants, the mover and the official member who has the right of reply will be allowed 10 minutes each, the other members being given 5 minutes each. Following the precedent in past years, motions for reduction need not be seconded, and, at the general discussion of the Budget, Government will be glad if the non-official members will kindly afford sufficient time to the official members to reply to the points raised.

The Council adjourned at 12-20 P. M., to meet again at 11-30 A. M. on Monday next.

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*Secretary to the Legislative Council.*

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